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## EVENING MEETING.

The discourse by Mr. Noyes, "Form and Substance," was re-read and called out the following remarks:

*Mr. Hamilton* :—Mr. Noyes said considerable on this subject there at New Haven, and seemed to be very much interested in it, and held it as important. It took great hold of my attention and has been a new key-note to me ever since. I appreciate the form of Communism, but I think more of the substance.—I see here in the Community, that we must be sure and get our hearts on the substance. Where the spirit of God rules, there is the kingdom of heaven.

*Mr. Woolworth* :—There is great advantage every way in being free from bondage to forms. The Primitive Church were comparatively free from forms: they held them all loosely. After the second coming the apostate church built up forms and surrounded itself with them, until it became a dead, lifeless form of godliness without the power. The Primitive Church had the power that wrought miracles, and saved men from sin and selfishness. There was substance there. They were in fellowship with the Holy Ghost, and could afford to be pretty careless about forms. At the same time they looked forward for the country where

all hostile surroundings and restrictions would be removed.

*T. R. Noyes* :—This talk furnishes me with a good deal of profitable thought. It seems as if it pointed out, in a way to come home to every body, that mere living in the Community is not salvation. Being content to live in the Community, and loyalty of that kind is only useful as it enables a person to take hold of interior life and join Christ in that way. Communism is only a means to that end; and those who live in Communism and do not realize *that*, will make just as bad a failure as those who live in the world and make the same mistake.

*Mr. Hamilton* :—That is true. I see that we need to pray for a revival, not in the world alone but in the Community also. We need a revival in the Community that shall melt all hearts and make them receptive to the Spirit of God. I desire to give myself to this work as important above everything else.

*Mr. Woolworth* :—Folks can have the substance any where and ask no odds of society or circumstances.—They can have unity with Christ, salvation from sin, the spirit of victory and rejoicing, and all that anywhere. They can have unity of hearts and fellowship with all saints, and Communism of the interior kind under any conditions of outward life.

*Mr. Hamilton* :—I had some talk with Theodore right in this line, and he expressed a wish to do what he

could to promote the spirit of heaven, and conversion to the heart and substance, among the young folks. I have had some queries as to the best way to get at it. I would suggest, as a begining or experiment, that all the young men, for instance, who are interested in the subject, meet with Theodore and myself, and perhaps one or two others, to-morrow night, at a quarter to 7 o'clock, in the Reception-room. No matter if it interferes with the classes a little, I think it would pay. The young folks have a good deal to do with the tone of the family. Let all pray in a simple, childlike manner, that God will give us his spirit.

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I wish to thank the family for their faithfulness in my criticism last evening. I can now see that I needed just such a chastisement to give me that humility and brokenness of heart, which may qualify me for what is to come, and separate me from superficial connections. I hate weakness and a superficial life and that egotism which prevents the influx of the life of Christ and the Community.

I thirst for that water which Christ promises "shall be a well of water springing up into everlasting life."

Will you pray for me?

L. BOLLES JR.

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A Roman Catholic Priest, from Utica, called here yesterday, accompanied by a lady. The gentleman called once last summer, and was so much pleased, that he was induced to come again. He could not

speak English, but the lady, who was a fine appearing woman, was his mouth-piece. Mr. Bolles gave them two or three numbers of the CIRCULAR, for which they seemed thankful.

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Our anticipations yesterday morning, that the thaw was over, were dissipated before noon, and the snow continues to melt, the weather being warm and spring-like.

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F. Norton resumes his practice of Dentistry to-day. There is at the present time a great deal of work to be done in the Office, and his services are much needed.

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Mr. Greeley is to deliver a lecture at the depot next Saturday evening, on "Self-made Men."

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Yesterday's temperature—

7½ A. M., 30. 12 M., 44. 6 P. M., 33. Mean 35½.